

FBI

Date: 10/31/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Bureau Instructions Violated

Bureau is in receipt of a copy of a letter from James Earl Ray addressed to J. B. Stoner, Savannah, Georgia, b7D as provided to you by the _____ Memphis, Tennessee. This letter is thanking Stoner for coming to Memphis and states that Ray's brother will be in touch with Stoner.

In your teletype of 9/30/68, you advised that in the motion filed by Arthur J. Hanes, Ray's attorney, in Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, pertaining to Ray's corresponding with his attorney, Judge W. Preston Battle, ruled that written notes exchanged between Ray and his attorney are privileged; however, the Shelby County Sheriff or his designated agent has the authority to peruse these notes to determine if there is any attempt to breach security of the jail. These notes should not be perused for the purpose of ascertaining the full contents of the messages.

In view of the above order of W. Preston Battle, you should not accept any written communication from the _____ regarding correspondence between Ray and other individuals. If it is not in violation of the court order you may accept b7D information from the _____ if he volunteers this information and it is on an oral basis only.

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